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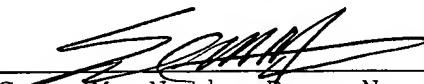
Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following Patent Application:

- 1) Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt;
- 2) Copy of the Official Filing Receipt with corrections marked in Red.

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2. There is an error with respect to the following data, which is:

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Error in: TITLE

Pyrrolidinedione Substituted Piperidine-phtalazones as  
PDE4 Inhibitors

Correct Data:

Pyrrolidinedione Substituted Piperidine-phtalazones  
as PDE4 Inhibitors

Should any questions or comments arise in connection with the filing of this Request, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at the telephone number as shown.

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## Foreign Applications

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## Title

Pyrrolidinedione substituted piperidine-phthalazones as pde4 inhibitors

-phthalazones

**Preliminary Class**

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